BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Evelyn Zientek,

Complainant,

VS.

Argus Investment Group, V, LLC dba Montecito Pines Apartments Northwestern Utility Billing Services,

Defendant.

Case 02-04-004 (Filed April 2, 2002)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S INITIAL SCHEDULING RULING

- 1. The prehearing conference previously set for August 7, 2002, a 10:00 a.m. is necessarily continued to a new date, time, and location to be determined, because of the inadvertent absence of the defendants.
- 2. By not later than August 28, 2002, complainant shall notify the administrative law judge in writing whether she has obtained the assistance of counsel, and if so, provide the name, address, and telephone number of her attorney. Complainant shall serve a copy of the notice upon the respondent's attorney.

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3. Pursuant to Rule 49(b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the parties are directed to meet and confer no later than 30 days following the issuance of this ruling to discuss the matters set forth in Rule 49(b). Pursuant to Rule 49(c) the parties are directed to file jointly a case management statement reporting on the results of their conferring.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated August 9, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Victor D. Ryerson
Victor D. Ryerson
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Initial Scheduling Ruling on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 9, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen
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